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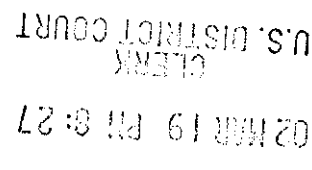

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CASE NUMBER	98 C 7108	DATE	3/19/2002
CASE TITLE	Michael J. Vallone et al. Vs. CNA Financial Corp. etc. et al.		

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☐ FRCP4(m) ☐ General Rule 21 ☐ FRCP41(a)(1) ☐ FRCP41(a)(2).
- (10) ☒ [Other docket entry] Enter Memorandum Opinion and Order. Defendants' motion to compel plaintiffs to supplement their responses to defendants' interrogatories and document request is granted. Status hearing set for March 26, 2002 at 9:15am. to stand.

- (11) ☒ [For further detail see order attached to the original minute order.]

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

MICHAEL J. VALLONE and JOYCE E.
HEIDEMANN, and JAMES O'KEEFE, on
behalf of themselves and all other Plaintiffs
similarly situated known and unknown,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a/k/a
CNA Casualty of Illinois, and The
CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
and all their subsidiaries, parent companies,
partnerships, and corporations,

Defendants.

No. 98 C 7108

Honorable James B. Moran

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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Defendants' motion to compel plaintiffs to supplement their responses to defendants' interrogatories and document request is granted. If those who returned questionnaires were putative class members, no privilege would have attached. In re McKesson HBOC, Inc., 126 F.Supp. 2d 1239, 1245 (N.D. Cal. 2000); Penk v. Oregon State Board of Education, 99 F.R.D. 511, 516 (D. Or. 1983). And even if there were an attorney-client privilege, it would not protect the factual content of the questionnaires even though it protected the way factual content was expressed in any particular response. Penk, supra. Nor is there a work product privilege because the responses were prepared by the persons responding, not by attorneys, to a previously disclosed form questionnaire.

Should we confine discovery to the factual content of the questionnaires but not require the production of the responses themselves? Plaintiffs contend that we should, because an attorney-client relationship was established by the solicitation accompanying the questionnaire and only the

client can waive the privilege. It was, however, an improper solicitation; the relationship, however it can be described, was aborted before it ever was really established; and obviously, a purpose of the questionnaire was discovery. In those circumstances, we do not believe the responses are privileged or that we should distinguish between the factual content and the expression of the factual content.

ENTERED:


James B. Moran
United States District Court Judge

Dated: 3/19/02